



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 28, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Planning Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: PlanSB Update And Request From Councilmembers Francisco And Self To Authorize Historic Resources Element Task Force

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Receive a status briefing on the *Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB)* process and schedule;
- B. Consider the request of Councilmembers Francisco and Self, and the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) to initiate the preparation of the Historic Resources Element of the General Plan and authorize Task Force work commencement; and
- C. Review the proposed Historic Resource Element Task Force membership categories and authorize Historic Resource Element Task Force formation.

DISCUSSION:

Plan Santa Barbara Status Briefing

On April 19, 2011, the Council directed the *PlanSB* Ad Hoc Subcommittee to continue developing policy recommendations for the full Council to consider in anticipation of plan adoption. Since that time, the Subcommittee has met on six occasions, with further discussions of density ranges for the Average Unit Density incentive program, and the proposed goals, policies and implementation actions. Next steps for the full Council are three meetings in July and August to discuss the recommendations, and provide direction to staff for final document preparation and adoption findings.

In the interim, the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has volunteered to lead a design charrette to illustrate the proposed multi-unit, residential densities most recently discussed by the Subcommittee. Three sites have been selected along De la Vina, Cota and Milpas streets to demonstrate what types of market and rental projects could be built. The design charrette will be conducted on two successive Saturdays in July, with the results formally presented to the full Council in early August.

Proposed *PlanSB* Schedule

- **AIA Design Charrette** **July 16 and 23**
- **Council** **July 26**
 - Open Space, Economy, Historic Resources,
Environmental Resources, Public Services Elements
- **Council** **August 02**
 - Design Charrette presentation
- **Council** **August 23**
 - Land Use, Housing, Circulation Elements
 - Final Direction

This status briefing is intended to be an update on the process to date and the proposed schedule through August, not an in-depth policy discussion. Members of the community will likely attend this meeting to express their thoughts on the process, schedule and more substantive issues.

HLC Request for Historic Resource Element Task Force

In the City's *PlanSB* General Plan Update process a substantial number of community members expressed interest in having a Historic Resources Element (HRE) as part of the City's General Plan. Some initial goals, policies and possible implementation actions are included in the Draft General Plan that would be a starting point for the new Element. Based on input from the Planning Commission, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) and the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee for *PlanSB*, the Historic Resources Element is being considered as a priority for first phase implementation of the *PlanSB* work program to begin now, rather than being tied to the adoption of the *PlanSB* General Plan. It is recognized that there would be a number of benefits to developing an HRE, including developing and implementing a historic resources work program within a framework of a HRE. A number of historic preservation work program projects have been under consideration, for example:

- Potential new historic districts formations
- A new set of historic properties design guidelines
- Zoning ordinance incentives for historic property preservation and
- Updated environmental review guidance.

The HLC has had a subcommittee assigned to consider a Historic Resources Element for some time. A member of the HLC HRE Subcommittee (HLC Subcommittee), Judy Orias, has requested that Council authorize a Task Force of community representatives to begin work on an HRE. The HLC Subcommittee met in May and June in 2011 and recommends the following Task Force membership. HLC Subcommittee members have

contacted the organizations listed here and each has committed to assign a representative, following Council authorization of a Task Force and work commencement.

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Proposed Historic Resource Element Task Force Membership

Total Members: Seven

City Representatives:

2 members HLC Subcommittee Members
1 member Planning Commission Representative

Public Representatives:

1 member Citizens Planning Association & SB Conservancy Representative
1 member Pearl Chase Society Representative
1 member Santa Barbara Historical Museum Representative
1 member Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Representative

Timing

The timing of the work on the HRE would not be tied to PlanSB. Rather, the Historic Landmarks Subcommittee has expressed interest in meeting bi-monthly. Based on the assertion of HLC HRE Subcommittee and their research of other communities' HRE documents, they believe it that a focused and concise draft HRE, suitable for the City of Santa Barbara, could be ready for public review by the Historic Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission in less than six months.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are very limited funds for implementation of PlanSB. Staff will be looking to the existing Community Development Department budget for funding of expenses associated with the HRE. Expected costs include meeting materials, draft documents, public notices, and final document production. The most costly part of the HRE work program will be staff time. Based on our current staffing levels and then Council's direction on adoption and implementation of the PlanSB General Plan, Planning Staff will propose a number of PlanSB work items and estimated schedules.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Correspondence from Judy Orias
2. Correspondence from Councilmembers Francisco and Self

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SUBMITTED BY: Paul Casey, Community Development Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

To City Council members Dale Francisco and Michael Self:

June 5, 2011

This is a request to place the following item on an upcoming agenda of the City Council as requested by the Historic Landmarks Commission at its May 25, 2011, meeting.

To request the Council to 1) Authorize the Historic Landmarks Commission to prepare a work program for the creation of a Historic Resources Element of the City General Plan through its Historic Resources Element Subcommittee; 2) Appoint interested and knowledgeable persons, who are representatives of organizations who have indicated interest, and one member of the City Planning Commission to assist the subcommittee in the preparation of a draft Historic Resources Element.

The City Council has expressed its support for the creation of an Historic Resources Element, and the Council's Ad Hoc subcommittee on the General Plan has encouraged the HLC to begin work on the project along with representatives of interested organizations.

The Historic Landmarks Commission recognizes that such an element is important to the visual and economic vitality of our city and wishes to see work begin on this element as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Judy Orias member

Historic Resources Element Subcommittee of the
City Historic Landmarks Commission



City of Santa Barbara
City Administrator's Office

Memorandum

DATE: June 21, 2011

TO: Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

FROM: Councilmember Dale Francisco
Councilmember Michael Self

SUBJECT: Request to place item on Council Agenda.

Pursuant to Council Resolution 05-073 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda regarding the amount of time allowed for staff presentations at City Council meetings.

- Summary of information to be presented:

See attached letter from Judy Orias, a member of Historic Resources Element Subcommittee of the City Historic Landmarks Commission.

- Statement of Specific Action:

The specific action to be taken by the City Council at this meeting will be to add a creation of the Historic Resources Element to the City's General Plan.

- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action:

A Council discussion of this subject is appropriate and within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

We are requesting that this be scheduled for the Tuesday, June 28, 2011, agenda.

cc: Mayor and Council
City Attorney
Community Development Director

CORRESPONDENCE

Tschech, Susan

From: Rodriguez, Cyndi
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Tschech, Susan
Subject: FW: Please circulate to all Council members

From: Patricia Hiles [mailto:pathiles@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2011 5:14 PM
To: Rodriguez, Cyndi
Subject: Please circulate to all Council members

Please sand up and reject Plan Santa Barbara, as you know the the majotiry of people are against it. Do not palm it off onto the so-called Adaptive Management Plan subcommittee.
Who is on that committee?

We do not want higher density, nor less parking in the city.

The term "increased parking allowance" is misleading, and really means less parking. That is misleading and wrong!

When and where will the next hearing on Plan Santa Barbara be, either by the Council or by the so-called Adaptive Management Plan subcommittee?

Thank you.

4/26/2011